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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application: Robert Arthur LEE ]

Serial No.: 09/736,736 ]

GRP ART UNIT: 2872 ]

Filed: December 14, 2000 ]

Ex.: Amari, A. V. ]

For: DIFFRACTIVE STRUCTURE WITH  
INTERSTITIAL ELEMENTS ]The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 9, 2002, please file the concurrently submitted Request for Continued Examination. Prior to the First Office Action on the Merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows. Filed concurrently with this Amendment is a Petition to extend the period for response for one month, from March 9, 2003, until April 9, 2003.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows and add claims 22-42.

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